

## Administration

### Notice of City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed Monday, January 19, 2015, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

### Rialto Progress Magazine

The Winter/Spring 2015 issue of the Rialto Progress magazine is currently being distributed to households and businesses throughout Rialto. An electronic copy of the Rialto Progress magazine can be found on the City of Rialto homepage at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov).



### Community Forum

Mayor Deborah Robertson and City Council invite Rialto residents to attend the first community forum of 2015 on Thursday, January 29, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Ave.

City Department Heads will be available to receive comments and answer questions from the residents. Mayor Robertson and City Council are looking forward to candid dialog with community members to help understand and take into consideration perspectives from residents as the City Council prepares for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year. Mayor Robertson and the City Council understand the success of the City of Rialto is directly related to meeting the needs of our community.

Come share your thoughts on issues that matter to you and our community. For additional information, contact Angela Perry or Pam Kennedy at (909) 421-4991, or visit our website at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov).

### Rialto Institute of Progress

The Rialto Institute of Progress is an 8-week program that will be held from March 12<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Sessions are Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Rialto Civic Center. After completion of the program, community members will have an increased understanding of Rialto's organizational structure, of the operations of our City Departments, and how they impact the quality of life in the City of Rialto.

To sign up, or for additional information, contact Angela Perry at (909) 421-4991 or Pam Kennedy at (909) 820-2689.

## City Clerk/Management Services

### Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Farmers' Market is located at City Hall where vendors sell a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts at a reasonable cost to consumers. Come out and see what our local growers have to offer!



### Rialto Network

Rialto Network is a Public Access, Education and Government television (PEG) station. In addition to airing public meetings of the Rialto City Council and Rialto Unified School Board of Education, the station also produces local programming for the City of Rialto. Some other programming includes Rialto Police and Fire information, community events, local news briefs, entertainment, educational issues and public service announcements. Watch Rialto Network on the following channels:

- Time Warner Channels 3 & 98.214
- AT&T U-Verse Channel 99

Watch all of our videos at [www.youtube.com/RialtoNetwork](http://www.youtube.com/RialtoNetwork), and follow us on:

- [www.facebook.com/RialtoNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/RialtoNetwork)
- [www.twitter.com/RialtoNetwork](http://www.twitter.com/RialtoNetwork)
- [www.Instagram.com/RialtoNetwork](http://www.Instagram.com/RialtoNetwork)

If you are interested in submitting a program or a message to be included on the Rialto Community Message Board which airs on the Rialto Network public channel, please contact Rialto Network at 909-421-7235 or [RialtoNetwork@rialtoca.gov](mailto:RialtoNetwork@rialtoca.gov).

### Economic Heartbeat of Rialto



Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the city's web site, [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov). This show is an in-depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

## Administrative & Community Services

### Finance

The Finance Division continues to work with the City auditors to finalize and issue the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Finance Division is

additionally in the process of leading the City's comprehensive mid-year budget review process, which is expected to culminate in February.

## **Recreation**

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

This year's holiday season was kicked off with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, held Friday, December 5, 2014, in front of City Hall. The event ran from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with cookies, hot cider, and coffee. A food and toy drive to benefit Rialto families through the Rialto Child Assistance Program and the Hearts to Share Program was included in the event. Special guest at the event included the parade Grand Marshal "Sky," Santa and Mrs. Claus and Rudolph. We thank Coffee Nutzz for donating the hot cocoa and the following choirs for their performances: Inland Lighthouse Choir, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Choir, St. Catherine of Siena Choir and Aria Dance Company.

### Holiday Parade and Vendor Fair



On Saturday, December 13, 2014 the City of Rialto hosted the annual Holiday Parade and Vendor Fair. Staging took place on Bloomington Avenue, with the Vendor Fair, Snow and Holiday Concert following the parade at Rialto City Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There were over 50 registered booth participants and nine food vendors. The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the snow slides and snow area for all to enjoy. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause were available free of charge in the Sandy Courtney Theater.



## **Youth and Adult Sports**

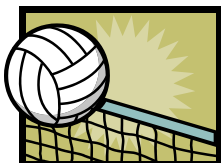
### Youth Basketball - Division 1

Division's 1 traveling team, Rialto Pride has certainly shown some Rialto Pride during the NBN Thanksgiving Tournament 2014 in Upland on the weekend of November 22 and 23. The Rialto Pride entered two divisions in the tournament, 13U and 14U. All players played competitively and came home with the championship trophy for division 13U. Division 14U was a more challenging play for Rialto Pride, but they still came out on top earning the Runner-Up position. We would also like to send a huge thank you to volunteer coach Jovon Jenkins for all his hard work and dedication to the team.



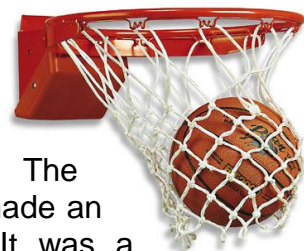
## Girls Volleyball

The Fall season of volleyball currently has 65 girls across both divisions. Division 1 is the more competitive league and has four teams: Fighters, Titanium, Evolution, and Boss Ladies. Division 2 focuses more on the fundamentals of the sport and gets players ready for their future in more competitive play. This season Division 2 only has three teams: Showstoppers, Fundamentals, and Rebels. Both divisions are still going strong as they rev up for the playoffs and finals which will take place on Friday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Carl Johnson Center. New Division 1 champions coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place was Fighters and coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> was Lady Titans. The new Winter season will begin Friday, February 6, 2015.



## Little Tots Basketball

The new season of Little Tots will begin on January 24 and will feature 6 weeks of Little Tots Basketball. The first 4 weeks will be dedicated to learning the fundamentals of the team sport and the last two weeks, the little players will get a chance to put their skills to the test with a few practice games. Sessions are held Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Carl Johnson Gymnasium.



## Adult Basketball

The Fall season of Adult Basketball ended with a bang! The championship game ended with a surprise winner as team UA made an awesome comeback and beat the undefeated Team Holla. It was a devastating loss for Team Holla as they had previously won every single game the whole season, but came short during the championship game. UA took it, 81 to 69.

## Rialto Senior Center

Our very own Rialto Senior Center Choir is really making a name for themselves in the community. They were thrilled to perform at our Annual Holiday Vendor Fair on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>. This was their third performance at a City event. Prior to this performance they performed at our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and for National Night Out. The Rialto Senior Center Choir meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Seniors 2000 Room.



Rialto Senior Center staff shared the Christmas spirit by raffling off ten presents during the lunch hour on Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The lucky senior participants with the winning raffle tickets were very grateful to receive their presents. Our nutrition program is Monday – Friday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm through (FSA) Family Service Association.





## **Kidstuff Program**

### Tiny Tots

For the month of December we made a lot of crafts which included the following: Santa Handprints, Reindeers, Pinecone Christmas Trees, Christmas Wreaths, and we made Peppermint handprints. We had a special visit from Rudolph and the Gingerbread Man. Candy canes were handed out to all of the children and staff. We had a Christmas party along with a book exchange and each student received a stocking full of goodies.



### Preston Preschool

In the month of December we learned the numbers 13, 14, and 15, and the letters C, D, and E. For Arts and Crafts we made a Christmas countdown calendar, Peppermint handprints, Christmas Wreaths, and we wrote a Christmas wish list to Santa. We made special Christmas cookies for snack. The children were over the moon with excitement when our new tricycles arrived, they couldn't wait to ride them. We had a Christmas party along with a special visit from Rudolph and the Gingerbread Man, who passed out candy canes to all of the children and staff.

### Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

## **Human Resources**

### Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened over 240 applicants in the last 30 days, and from those, we have hired and processed 7 new employees:

### FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Freddie Gaucin	Facilities Maintenance Assistant	ACS/Recreation
Paul Lichtenberger	Facilities Maintenance Assistant	ACS/Recreation
Che Wilson	Recreation Programmer (promotion)	ACS/Recreation
Jared Kisselovich	Police Officer Lateral	Police
James Caro	Building and Code Enforcement Mgr	Development Services

### PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Lady Regla	Parking Enforcement Officer	Police
Misty Atkins	Mail Clerk	ACS/Purchasing

### Current Recruitments

The City of Rialto is currently hiring for the following positions:

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Lifeguard	Continuous	Part-Time
Lifeguard/WSI	Continuous	Part-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	Full-Time
Reserve Police Officer	Continuous	Volunteer

### Upcoming Recruitments

The City of Rialto accepts job interest cards for future openings. Please visit our website at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov) and click on “jobs” to sign up.


### Prescription Drug Discount Program

The **Prescription Discount Card** is made available to residents by the City of Rialto in collaboration with the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) and is made possible through City of Rialto membership in NLC.

The card is **FREE to all City of Rialto residents**, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you **may save an average of 20%** off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. *This program is NOT insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.*

Discount cards are available at:

- \* City of Rialto website:  
<http://www.rialtoca.gov>
- \* Human Resources – 246 S. Willow Ave.
- \* Senior Center – 1411 S. Riverside Ave.
- \* Library – 251 W. First Street
- \* Recreation – 214 N. Palm Ave., #204
- \* Chamber of Commerce –  
120 N. Riverside Ave.

		<b>NLC Prescription Discount Card Program</b> <b>Participating Cities - Total Savings</b> <b>(January 2013 through October 2014)</b>			
City	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
CA, RIALTO	1,384	\$ 10,519.25	\$ 7.60	24.1%	680

### Rialto Community Career Center

The new Community Career Center is open!! Residents have access to six computers to assist with job searches, job banks, resume writing, etc. The center provides access to job seekers with a printer, fax machine, and other job searching tools at no cost. There are also postings for other agencies available for review and copy. The Community Career Center is housed in the Human Resources Division located at 246 S. Willow Avenue.

### Job Fair



When: Wednesday, January 21, 2015  
Where: City of Rialto/Recreation  
214 N. Palm Avenue, Room 101  
Rialto, CA 92376  
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am



Workforce Enterprises will be accepting applications for NGL and all WORKFORCE current openings. WORKFORCE is offering dynamic work opportunities, and is currently seeking qualified and eager candidates. **For more information, please contact WORKFORCE at 909-923-0022.**

## **Development Services Department**

### **Economic Development Services**

#### Airport Redevelopment Update

The City solicited and received bids for the Phase I demolition of the hangar structures at the Airport. On January 13, 2015 the City Council will consider contract award with construction commencing in February.

The City prepared bid specifications for the removal of underground storage tanks at the Mercy Air and Scholl Aviation facilities. On February 27, 2015 the City Council will consider a contract award.

The City is finalizing Phase II plans for the demolition of the asphalt/concrete and the remediation of hazardous materials. On January 27, 2015 the City Council will consider the plans and specifications prior to release for bidding.



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*Hesperia Airport (left photo) and Flabob Airport (right photo) have relocated various hangars from the Rialto Airport and have commenced reconstruction. The City granted the hangar facilities at no cost to these airports provided that they remove and reconstruct them at no cost to the City. Flabob Airport has added 68 hangars from materials salvaged from Rialto.*

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The San Bernardino International Airport Authority continues construction on the Phase I general aviation improvements to support the construction of the Sheriff's aviation facility and the box hangars required under the City/SBIAA Agreement. The Phase I Project includes the backbone infrastructure and taxiways. The Phase II Project includes construction of the various box hangars and supporting facilities, and SBIA will award multiple bids for the hangar structures and the supporting flatwork over the next few weeks.

On December 17, 2014 the SBIAA Board of Directors approved a budget of \$12.3 million for the County Sheriff's facility and approved a temporary hangar lease. On January 6, 2015 the County Board of Supervisors will consider the project and decide whether to authorize construction. Meanwhile, the County Sheriff continues relocation from Rialto to a temporary hangar at SBIA, with vacation by the end of January – two months ahead of schedule. Staff will be working with the County to remove the underground storage tanks and any other hazardous materials that may be identified on the site.

On December 16, 2014 the Development Review Committee reviewed the tentative parcel map to consolidate 11 Airport area parcels into a single 32.4 acre parcel to accommodate the development of a Niagara bottling plant. The Transportation Commission, Planning Commission and City Council will consider land use entitlements during January, 2015.

Lewis-Hillwood Rialto submitted revised construction plans for Miro Way. The project constructs full street improvements from Alder Avenue to Linden Avenue, and



constructs storm drain and sewer lines easterly to connect with existing facilities. The City is reviewing the revised hydrology study to confirm the final sizing for the storm drain pipelines. Upon confirmation, the City Council will consider revisions to the budget prior to authorizing construction. The project will provide access to the industrial development sites near the Airport that are completed, under construction and approved.

### Industrial Development Progress Report

The demand for Rialto industrial space remains strong, with four major projects under construction:

- **DCT Industrial.** This 928,000 square foot distribution warehouse nears completion at the southwest corner of Renaissance Parkway and Locust Avenue. The City expects the project to produce 250 jobs and \$70 million in assessed valuation.
- **CapRock Partners Distribution Center I.** This 615,000 square foot distribution warehouse recently commenced construction at the northeast corner of Locust Avenue and Bohnert Avenue. The City expects the project to produce 150 jobs and \$35 million in assessed valuation.
- **CapRock Partners Distribution Center II.** This 428,000 square foot distribution warehouse recently commenced construction at the northwest corner of Casmalia Street and Linden Avenue. The City expects the project to produce 120 jobs and \$25 million in assessed valuation.
- **Prologis I-210 Industrial.** This 677,000 square foot distribution warehouse recently commenced construction on Tamarind Avenue, just north of Baseline Road. The City expects the project to produce 150 jobs and \$40 million in assessed valuation.

The Development Services Department has approved several industrial projects that will soon commence construction:

- The **Space Center** pulled building permits to develop a 259,000 square foot industrial warehouse on 12.1 acres at the northwest corner of Lilac Avenue and Merrill Avenue and has commenced grading.
- **The I-210 Distribution Project.** The City approved Thrifty Oil's application to develop a 630,000 square foot industrial warehouse on 32 acres at the northeast corner of Alder Avenue and Casmalia Street.



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*Construction progresses on major industrial projects in Rialto. DCT Industrial (left photo) will soon complete its project on Renaissance Parkway while CapRock Partners II (right photo) completed grading/foundation/slab work and will soon erect the structure.*

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## Retail Chatter

Tenant improvements continue to facilitate the January/February openings of **Chipotle**, **Wing Stop** and **Jersey Mike's**. **Major Brain Freeze** signed a lease for the last retail module, and will soon submit its tenant improvement plans to the City for plancheck review.

In January, 2015, the City Council will consider the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC for the third and last development pad at the Easton Retail center. The Developer plans to construct a 4,000 square foot building with a drive-thru that will contain two retailers, including a 1,900 square foot **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf** and a 2,100 square foot use yet to be determined.

**Food-4-Less** is currently constructing a new gas station in a portion of the Renaissance Shopping Center parking lot on Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue. The City approved McDonald's application to construct a new 3,500 square foot drive-thru restaurant.

**Tacos El Gavilan** completed framing and applied stucco for its new restaurant at the corner of Baseline Road and Riverside Avenue, with a scheduled February 2015 grand opening.



## **Planning Services**

### Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects in December:

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 752.** The Planning Commission approved a request to allow the development of a 75-foot mono-palm wireless telecommunications facility at an existing industrial development located at 2625 South Lilac Avenue within

the H-IND (Heavy Industrial) zone of the Agua Mansa Specific Plan. (Applicant: Verizon Wireless)

- **Tentative Tract Map No. 19930 and Variance No. 705 & Environmental Assessment Review No. 14-42.** The Planning Commission approved a request to allow the subdivision of 4.15 gross acres of land into fifteen single-family lots and one separate lot for a detention basin, and to allow a variance from Section 18.10.030B of the Rialto Municipal Code for a 10.55 foot reduction in the minimum lot width for two lots, and the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is located on the west side of Linden Avenue approximately 320 feet north of McWethy Street within the R-1A (Single-Family Residential) zone. (Applicant: *Ho Properties, LLC*)
- **Precise Plan of Design No. 2359.** The Planning Commission approved a request to reduce the required second floor building setback from 35 feet to 18.5 feet for the development of 5,314 square foot four-unit apartment building on 0.192 gross acres of land located on the south side of Ramona Drive approximately 135 feet west of Linden Avenue within the R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) zone. (Applicant: *SA Golden Investments*)
- **Annexation No. 170.** The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council initiate the annexation application process with the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to annex Lytle Creek Ranch Specific Plan Neighborhoods 2 and 3 from the Rialto sphere of influence in unincorporated San Bernardino County to the City of Rialto. (Applicant: *Lytle Development Company*)
- **Street Vacation.** The Planning Commission approved a Resolution making certain findings and recommending the vacation of existing right-of-way for Laurel Avenue between Miro Way and Walnut Avenue in the Business Center Zone of the Renaissance Specific Plan. (Applicants: *Lewis-Hillwood Rialto Company, LLC., and the City of Rialto*)

During December, Planning Staff reviewed fourteen preliminary site plans for future development projects.

## Business Licensing

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of December 2014. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

Business Name	Address	Goods/Service
Ayala Smog	1436 Ayala Drive	Auto Service
BJP Window Tint	283 W Foothill Blvd	Auto Service
CCF Pit Stop	523 W First Street	Auto Repair
Chuze Fitness	1521 S Riverside Dr.	Fitness Center
Colonial West Company	139 W Mindanao	Wholesale Cleaning

H & K Apparel LLC	1285 N Fitzgerald Ste. H	Apparel Manufacturing
Ayala Smog	1436 Ayala Drive	Auto Service
Steve's Auto Upholstery	560 W First Street	Auto Service

## Building and Safety Services

### Building Division Report

During December, the Building Division issued 159 building permits and received 55 plans for review, primarily for remodeling, solar installations and tenant improvement projects. The average initial review period was 12 calendar days and the re-check period was 6 calendar days. The Building Division performed 358 building inspections. Building permit and plan check fee receipts for the month totaled \$117,000. Among the more notable activities:

- Permits were issued for the construction of two new warehouses. The first warehouse of 619,000 square feet, known as CapRock 2 is located at 2415 N. Locust; the second warehouse is at 548 W. Merrill Ave, known as Space Center is 259,000 square feet. At this time, there are no end users for either building.
- Construction was completed at the following locations: tenant improvement for a new restaurant known as "K-Top Korean BBQ" located at 403 S. Riverside; and tenant improvement for a new fitness center (Chuze Fitness) located at 1521 S. Riverside Avenue.

## Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division conducted the following special enforcement activities during the month of December:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** The Code Enforcement Officers and Code Enforcement Volunteers contacted and educated three property owners regarding unpermitted yard sales.
- **Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors.** The Code Enforcement Officers contacted one flower vendor. The City cited the vendor and confiscated all perishables.
- **Illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensary.** On December 16, 2014 the Code Enforcement Division and the Rialto Police Department K9 unit inspected 2280 S. Riverside Ave for operation of an illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Code Enforcement Officers issued a 24 hour Notice of Violation to cease and vacate. On December 18, 2014 Code Enforcement conducted a follow up inspection and determined that the MMD vacated the location.
- **Scavengers.** The Code Enforcement Officers contacted four trash diggers and issued two citations.
- **Code Enforcement Work Release Program.** The Code Enforcement Officers, Volunteers and Work Release Crew abated eighteen abandoned shopping carts and



removed 198 illegal signs. The Work Release Program conducted 38 community cleanups, four assisting the disabled and elderly citizens of Rialto and 34 cleanups at City properties and various locations throughout the City.

## **Police Department**

### **COPS Grant 2014-2015**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is the office of the U.S. Department of Justice that advances the practice of community policing in America's state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. This year, the Rialto Police Department was awarded, \$160,177 in federal funding which will be used for technology, communications, and personal protective equipment.

### **COPS Hiring Grant 2014-2015**

COPS hiring grants provide up to 75 percent of the entry level salaries and benefits of full-time officers for a 36-month period, with a minimum 25% local cash match required and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per Officer position. This year, the Rialto Police Department was awarded \$250,000 in funding for two full-time School Resource Officer positions to enhance safety at our local schools.

### **CALGRIP Grant 2015**

The Board of State and Community Corrections' Standing Committee on Gang Issues has completed the competitive process for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. These are extremely competitive grants awarded to cities to enhance gang intervention, reduction, and prevention efforts. The Rialto Police Department was awarded \$1.2 million over a three-year period for this grant.

### **Area Community Meetings - January 2015**

#### Community Meeting Area 1 & 2:

January 22, 2015 – Sunrise Church, 2759 N. Ayala Avenue, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Lieutenant Kathy Thompson at 909-820-2560 or email to [kthompson@rialtopd.com](mailto:kthompson@rialtopd.com) / Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email to [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

#### Community Meeting Area 3 & 4:

January 26, 2015 – St. Catherine of Siena Church, 339 N. Sycamore Avenue, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Lieutenant Bill Wilson at 909-421-7276 or email to [wwilson@rialtopd.com](mailto:wwilson@rialtopd.com) / Lieutenant Jim Kurkoske at 909-820-2568 or email to [jkurkoske@rialtopd.com](mailto:jkurkoske@rialtopd.com).

### **Women in Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge**

On March 21, 2015, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Rialto Police Department will be hosting a "Women's Fitness Challenge." This event is open to all women 21 years of age and older and will consist of guest speakers, brief presentations by women law enforcement officers, and a fitness challenge to evaluate the physical readiness of those wishing to pursue law enforcement as a career. For more information, please

contact Corporal Vicki Gerard at 909-820-2603 or email at [vgerard@rialtopd.com](mailto:vgerard@rialtopd.com) or Deidre Cook at 909-421-4926 or email at [dcook@rialtopd.com](mailto:dcook@rialtopd.com).

### **Hearts to Share**

This year was one of the biggest for the "Hearts to Share" Christmas program in its 15 year history. More than 500 children were given gifts for the Christmas holiday. Rialto Police and Fire personnel delivered gifts to 12 families with a caravan of police and fire vehicles. More than 1,000 toys were donated to a local church at the conclusion of the event.



### **Shop with a COP**

The Rialto Police Department held its annual "Shop with a COP" on Sunday, December 14, 2014. This program sponsored thirty-one children who shopped with police officers, firefighters and support personnel.



### **Santa Fly-in at Sunrise Church**

On December 20, 2014, Santa returned, via Eagle 1, to Sunrise Church in Rialto. This year was a great event with over 1000 in attendance. Thanks to our local Staples Distribution Center, over 450 bags of school supplies were handed out to all kids, and children under 5 years of age received a toy from Santa. Thanks to all who participated!



### **Message from Chief Tony Farrar**

I am truly honored to represent the hard working men and women of the Rialto Police Department.

This past year was another very successful one for us. First, our PRIDE Platoon Youth Leadership Program received the James Q. Wilson Award for ***Excellence in Community Policing*** from the California Peace Officers Association. Second, the Department received the Motorola / Webber Seavey Award for ***Quality in Law Enforcement and Innovative Programs*** from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Next, the department has been nominated for the Harvard Innovations in American Government Award for 2015. The Innovations in American Government Awards is the nation's preeminent program devoted to recognizing and promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector. The program highlights exemplary models of government innovation and advances efforts to address the nation's most pressing public concerns. Since its inception in 1985, the Program has received over 27,000 applications and recognized nearly 500 government initiatives since it was established in 1985 with funding from the Ford Foundation. The Awards serve as a catalyst for bringing creative and effective solutions to some of government's most urgent and seemingly intractable challenges.

Finally, we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Police Volunteer Program, one of the longest running volunteer programs in the country.

As we enter 2015, we have a lot to be proud of in terms of crime and public safety. In 2013, Rialto experienced significant decreases in crime. Violent crime was down 14.93% and property crime was down significantly over 20.21%. In 2014, this trend has continued with violent crime down 21.00% and property crime down over 20.00% with an overall decrease in Part One Crime of 20.5%. Additionally, we are continuing to see a drop in our juvenile crime. A three-year analysis since the inception of the PRIDE Platoon Program has shown that weapon-related arrests decreased 60%, violent crime arrests decreased 53%, property crime arrests decreased 26%, with overall juvenile arrests down 40%.

We will continue to focus on reshaping the Area Command model of Community-Based Policing. This highly successful program is designed to encourage open lines of communication, enhance community confidence, and streamline the delivery of police services.

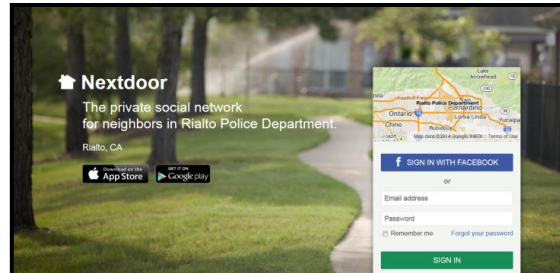
We look forward to new and innovative projects to include a department radio show, the implementation of a new gang reduction and education program (CAL-GRIP) focusing on our youth, and a new program geared towards educating our citizens on the importance of keeping our neighborhoods safe by reporting crime.

We will continue to share resources with our neighboring cities (Regionalized SWAT and Air Support Programs), along with pursuing state and federal grants for police safety and emergency equipment, technology projects, school safety, youth accountability and gang reduction programs.

We will continue to utilize technology to share public safety information with our citizens including our department website, Facebook, Nextdoor, Crimemapping.com, Tip-411, digital signage, media outreach, public service announcements, and high speed emergency notification systems such as NIXLE.

We will continue to embrace volunteerism and community pride, working to enhance the great programs that we already have in place. But most of all, we will continue to foster the great community relationships we have worked so hard to establish over the past several years.

We will continue to move forward as an organization, striving to become the premiere law enforcement agency in the Inland Empire region of Southern California. We understand that the fear of crime can be best reduced through the balanced delivery of policing that consists of three components: prevention, intervention, and enforcement. We also recognize that maintaining community safety can only be achieved with the support and involvement of our community.



***“At its core, policing is about community service. It is about making neighborhoods stronger and fostering an unwavering feeling of safety, security and community trust.”***

**Follow Rialto PD on Facebook**



Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>.

## **RPD Virtual Neighborhood Watch**

Nextdoor is free for residents! Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Rialto residents can use Nextdoor share information about neighborhood watch issues, local events, and local activities.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address.

For more information you may contact your area commander, Lieutenant Andy Karol, or the Department's Community Liaison at [cnelson@rialtopd.com](mailto:cnelson@rialtopd.com).

## **NIXLE**

NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit, or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email or over the web



(or all of the above). You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Registration is FREE, SIMPLE, and SECURE!



For more information, please contact Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

## Fire Department

### Celebrating Christmas Giving with the Community

Rialto Police and Fire Departments partnered with a very special guest in December to bring some holiday cheer to Rialto families. Firefighters, Police Officers, volunteers, and Santa himself participated in the “Hearts to Share” program in Rialto. More than 700 children were given gifts for the Christmas holiday. Police and Fire personnel delivered toys to 14 families in Rialto. More than 50 families also picked up gifts from the Department. More than 1000 toys were also donated to a local church at the conclusion of the event.



Rialto Fire, PD, and other local law enforcement also treated local families to an early Christmas celebration at Wal-Mart this Sunday. Each year, the San Bernardino Law Enforcement community helps local children who might not otherwise have had such a great Christmas. Utilizing the first-hand knowledge of working deputies and other professionals, children in need are chosen to become recipients of this program. This year, about 550 children were assisted.

And finally, let's not forget the annual Los Colinas Toy and Food Drive held each year in Rialto. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the event with partnerships from the community and Rialto fire and police. This year's sleigh was sporting a new look, bringing an even brighter spirit of giving. Thanks to our Rialto community members for donating so much to ensure that everyone has a memorable holiday season.



### Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) activities.

Our Community Emergency Response Team membership continues to grow, and the friendships that develop through the program are growing with it. In addition to being well trained and equipped to assist our neighborhoods in emergencies, the team took time to enjoy camaraderie at a CERT Christmas party on December 11 at Fire Station 203. Then, on December 11, the team put together an entry in the Rialto Christmas parade that took the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy!



If you would like to be a part of this team environment, and be a tremendous asset in your neighborhood in the event of a major emergency, let



us know. CERT classes are held throughout the year and all community members are welcome. For more information visit the Rialto CERT Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RialtoCERT?fref=ts>, or call Rialto Fire Administration at (909) 820-2501.

### Rialto Fire Explorer Update

Eight members of the Rialto Explorer Post #299 graduated from the annual Inland Empire Fire Explorers Association's fire academy on December 1-7. This annual event will be held at the Fort Irwin National Training Center. The explorer Academy provides instruction and skills development in providing emergency services, which will assist them in their pursuit of a fire service career. The fire explorer program offers a fantastic opportunity for our community's youth to learn the value of discipline, service, and courage while developing life safety skills. We are very proud to have these individuals in our community, and hope to develop them to be our future firefighters.



### Winter Fire Safety: Safe Heating

According to the National Fire Protection Association, space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths. The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to keep the heating device clean.



**Half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.** With the cold weather upon us, Rialto Fire wants to remind everyone that heating units can be used safely, but can also be hazardous. Here are some steps to take to prevent fires caused from heating devices:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

### Remember Betsy?

Anyone who has been in Rialto for a while probably remembers “Betsy”, the 1923 fire engine that has been with the City longer than most residents (except for maybe Mike Story). This antique was restored several years back by members of the RFD, but with the original engine and drivetrain, it’s a bit temperamental, and has not seen the streets for a while. But, thanks to some mechanical work by RFD Engineer Joe Valdez, Betsy made a stunning appearance in the 2014 Rialto Christmas parade. It’s great to see our pride and rich history on display.



### Advancing in the RFD

Recent retirements have made room for advancement of some of our RFD members. John Lardner, a 16-year veteran of the department, was promoted to Captain, and Rudy Delgado, an 11-year veteran, was promoted to the position of Fire Engineer. Each of these members has an impressive record of service to the Rialto community, and both performed well in a very challenging selection process. Congratulations to each of these men on reaching this career milestone.

Congratulations also go out to three members of the RFD who retired in December. These retirees include Captains Steve Cunningham and Geoff Barrett, and Paramedic/Firefighter Aaron Schulman. We thank them for decades of service, and wish them a fantastic retirement.

### Rialto Fire on Facebook

There’s always something happening at the RFD. “Like” us on Facebook to get activities, incidents, pictures, videos, and more!

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment>.

## Public Works

### Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of the month from January through November 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City’s Workers. The dates and locations for 2015 are as follows:

February 14, 2015.....	Bud Bender Park.....	300 N. Lilac Avenue
March 14, 2015 .....	Margaret Todd Park .....	201 N. Willow Avenue
April 18, 2015* .....	Andreson Park .....	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 9, 2015 .....	Flores Park .....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 13, 2015 .....	Jerry Eaves Park.....	1485 N. Ayala Drive
July 11, 2015.....	Fergusson Park.....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 8, 2015 .....	Frisbie Park.....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 12, 2015.....	Birdsall Park .....	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 10, 2015 .....	Kristina Dana Hendrickson ...	Riverside Avenue/Second Street Cultural Center/Women's Club
November 14, 2015.....	Metrolink Station/Downtown .....	261 S. Palm Avenue

### Projects that Received Bids in December

- 2013/2014 & 2014/2015 Annual Street Overlay Project
- Fire Station 201 Remodel Project and the Rialto Police Department Training Room Addition
- Metrolink Parking Lot Expansion
- Rialto Airport Demolition, Phase I
- Pepper Avenue/Baseline Road Traffic Signal Upgrade Project

### Land Development

During the month of December the following construction permits were issued:

- Prologis Building 4, Development of a 677,225 square feet distribution warehouse located on the west side of Tamarind Avenue north of Baseline Road.
- CapRock Partners, Development of a 428,164 square feet distribution warehouse, located on the northwest corner of Linden Avenue and Casmalia Street.
- CapRock Partners, Development of a 614,824 square feet distribution warehouse, locate on the northeast corner of Locust and Bohnert Avenues.

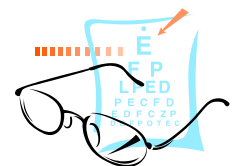
### Solid Waste Management News

#### Special Collection

### LIONS CLUB... SPECIAL EYE GLASSES COLLECTION

According to the World Health Organization, 153 million people have uncorrected refractive errors (near-sightedness, far-sightedness or astigmatism). Most of these vision impairments are quickly diagnosed and are easy to treat with corrective lenses.

Still, millions of people around the world are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they don't have glasses. They can't learn because reading is difficult. They can't work to the best of their ability because they can't see clearly.





It costs the Lions Club less than \$0.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life.

For children, clear vision means a better education, healthier development and a better quality of life. For adults, it means greater employment opportunity and economic strength. For seniors, it means less dependence on others.

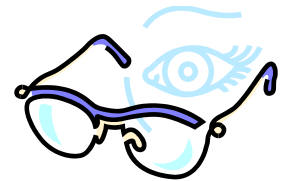
The Lions Club collect millions of eyeglasses each year to address the need for glasses, making eyeglasses recycling one of the most popular activities.

By donating glasses, you too can change someone's life. Drop off your usable eyewear and give the gift clearer vision. City staff will be on hand to accept your donations on the next Community Clean-up Day.



**January 24, 2015  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Rialto City Hall, South Parking Lot  
150 S. Palm Ave.**

For more information on this collection,  
call the Rialto Waste Management Office at  
909-421-7221.



For more information about the Lions Club  
visit <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/about-lions/index.php>

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Links, Incorporated founded in 1946, is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Members of The San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated (est. 1979), have a great program designed to help mothers in Africa and Haiti while at the same time giving new life to an unwanted t-shirt. The San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter collects clean, used t-shirts and sews them into reusable cloth diapers. The reusable cloth (t-shirt) diapers are then donated to mothers in need.

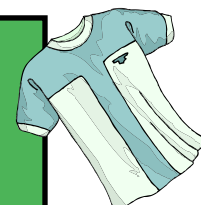


On average, one child will use, 5,000 disposable diapers and it takes, approximately, 700 years for one disposable diaper to disintegrate. For underdeveloped countries, disposable diapers are costly and wasteful.

***This January the City of Rialto Waste Management Division will be collecting used t-shirts and donating them to The San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.***



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**For more information about this special collection and how you can help, please call Joanne Gilbert at (909) 875-2647.**

### Community Clean-Up Day

**Community Clean-Up Day  
January 24, 2015  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

***The following are the events taking place during Community Clean-Up Day...***

- **Shred Fest** – Protect your identity. Shred your personal papers for FREE. Bring in your papers to the south parking lot of City Hall across the street from the post office. 
- **Household Hazardous Waste** - Our Household Hazardous Waste Site, 246 S. Willow, will accept your used motor oil and filters, paint, household cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, batteries, syringes, fluorescent bulbs, medications and other household chemicals. **We cannot accept explosives, medical waste, abandoned waste, or business waste.** *This site is free to all residents of San Bernardino County.* 
- **Used Tires** – **Rialto City residents** can bring up to 9 used tires to the Public Works Office at 335 W. Rialto Ave on Community Clean-Up days free of charge. We **will not** accept tires from businesses, including semi-trucks. 
- **Electronic Waste** – Bring your televisions, microwaves, computers and monitors, and other electronics to the south parking lot of City Hall to be recycled. ***Businesses are welcome.*** 
- **Usable Items** – The Salvation Army will be accepting usable household items (such as clean clothing, furniture, sports equipment, etc.) in the south parking lot of City Hall. 

### Windy Day Trash Tips

On extremely windy days it can be difficult to keep your trash barrels upright and at the curb on collection days. BURRTEC Waste suggests that you follow these three (3) simple steps listed below in order to keep your trash out of your neighbor's yard. This will also insure that the trash is collected.



1. On EXTREMELY WINDY DAYS do not place your barrels at the curb.
2. If during the following week you have extra trash due to the windy conditions, place any extra in plastic bags.
3. On your regular trash day, the driver will collect both the barrels and any bags placed at the curb.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Information

After the Christmas holiday please remember to recycle your live Christmas trees. Burrtec will be collecting your trees curb side on your regular trash collection days. Before placing your live tree at the curb:

1. Remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and stands from the tree.
2. If your tree is taller than 6 feet, be sure to cut it in half before you recycle it.



### Household Hazardous Waste

During the Month of December 2014 there were 108 residents served at the Household Hazardous Waste site. They brought in 275 gallons of used motor oil, 4 pallets of paint, 4 drums of misc. poisons and other toxic liquids, and 8 barrels of sharps.

During the month of January, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday and Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12 noon.

